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In re application of: STOFFEL, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

In claim 5, line 1, change "at least one of claims 3 to 4" to --claim 3--.

In claim 7, line 2, change "at least one of claims 3 to 6" to --claim 3--.

In claim 8, line 1, change "at least one of claims 3 to 7" to --claim 3--.

In claim 5, line 1, change "at least one of claims 3 to 4" to --claim 3--.

In claim 10, line 2, delete "or 2".

In claim 12, line 2, delete "or 2".

In claim 20, line 2, change "any of claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

In claim 21, lines 1-2, change "at least one of claims 3 to 8" to --claim 3--.

Rewrite the following claims.